*Amendments to the Specification:*

Please replace paragraph **[0001]** with the following amended paragraph:

**[0001]** This non-provisional patent application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Ser. No. 10/762,915, filed January 21, 2004, which claims priority to U.S. Ser. No. 60/441,357, filed on January 21, 2003; U.S. Ser. No. 60/463,095, filed on April 15, 2003; U.S. Ser. No. 60/464,179, filed on April 21, 2003; U.S. Ser. No. 60/465,055, filed April 23, 2003; U.S. Ser. No. 60/469,628, filed May 8, 2003; U.S. Ser. No. 60/474,680, filed May 29, 2003; U.S. Ser. No. 60/491,019, filed July 29, 2003; U.S. Ser. No. 60/512,071, filed October 17, 2003; U.S. Ser. No. 60/537,201, filed January 16, 2004; and U.S. Ser. No. 60/537,045, filed January 16, 2004; is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Ser. No. 10/718,833, filed November 21, 2003, which claims priority to U.S. Ser. No. 60/428,102, filed November 21, 2002 and U.S. Ser. No. 60/469,628, filed on May 8, 2003; and is a continuation in part of ~~U.S. Ser. No. 10/——,——, entitled "Aptamer-Toxin Molecules and Methods for Using Same"~~ <u>U.S. Ser. No. 10/826,077</u>, filed on April 15, 2004; and this patent application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) to the following provisional applications: U.S. Ser. No. 60/464,239, filed April 21, 2003; U.S. Ser. No. 60/465,053, filed April 23, 2003; U.S. Ser. No. 60/469,628, filed May 8, 2003; U.S. Ser. No. 60/474,133, filed May 29, 2003; U.S. Ser. No. 60/474,680, filed May 29, 2003; U.S. Ser. No. 60/486,580, filed July 11, 2003; U.S. Ser. No. 60/489,810, filed July 23, 2003; U.S. Ser. No. 60/491,019, filed July 29, 2003; U.S. Ser. No. 60/503,596, filed September 16, 2003; <u>and U.S. Ser. No. 60/523,935, filed on November 21, 2003;</u> each of which is herein incorporated by reference in its entirety. The present non-provisional patent application is related to U.S. Ser. No. 60/461,966, filed April 10, 2003, now abandoned, and to U.S. Ser. No. 60/462,779, filed April 14, 2003, now abandoned, each of which is herein incorporated by reference.